

Application No.: 10/671008

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REMARKS

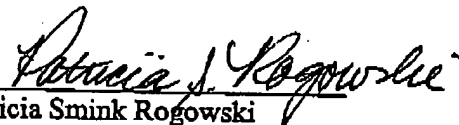
In response to the September 20, 2004 Office Action, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of group I (Claims 1 to 11) without prejudice or disclaimer to pursuing the remaining claims in a continuing application.

Applicants further draw the Examiner's attention to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted concurrently.

No fee is believed due for this Response. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 00124-00854-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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